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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/669,308
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 25, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Anthony, et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	2643
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Ni, Suhan
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	GPA1.PAU.11

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

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a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) 0.00 01-1960 770.00

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